



Carlsbad Police Department

PRESS RELEASE

CRIME/INCIDENT:	Armed Robbery	CASE:	07-6983
DATE:	08-05-07	TIME:	1412
LOCATION:	Pio Pico		
SUSPECT 1:	Saud Almotab	AGE:	28
SUSPECT 2:	Rachelle Galarze	AGE:	29
VICTIM 1:	Super 8 Motel	AGE:	

On August 5, 2007, at approximately 1412 hours, the clerk at the Super 8 Motel called the Carlsbad Police Department and stated a Hispanic male had walked into the Motel and robbed him with a handgun. The clerk described the suspect as a Hispanic male approximately 25 years old, short black hair and wearing a baseball cap. The suspect entered the lobby and asked the price of a room. The clerk told the suspect the price, the suspect then drew a handgun and pointed it at the clerk, demanding money. The clerk gave the suspect the money from the drawer and the suspect left. The suspect left the office of the Super 8 Motel and got into a blue Honda. The suspect was last seen driving northbound on Pio Pico.

Carlsbad Police Officer P. Fanene saw the suspect vehicle northbound on Pio Pico and attempted to make a traffic stop on the vehicle. The suspect, SAUD ALMOTAB, accelerated away at a high rate of speed northbound on Pio Pico to Carlsbad Village Drive where it went westbound and got onto southbound I-5. Officers pursued the suspect at speeds of 100 miles per hour. During the pursuit the passenger/suspect, RACHELLE GALARZE threw a handgun out of the car. A citizen saw GALARZE throw the handgun out of the window and stopped to protect the handgun until officers arrived and took possession of it. ALMOTAB yielded to the officers on southbound I-5 just south of Via De La Valle. The officers conducted a high risk traffic stop, and ALMOTAB was taken into custody without incident.

Both ALMOTAB and GALARZE are from Chula Vista. ALMOTAB was booked into the Vista Detention Facility and GALARZE was booked into Las Colinas Detention Facility. The loss by the motel is unknown at this time. The clerk was not injured during the robbery because he complied with the ALMOTAB's demands.

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